

REMARKS

Claims 3-19 have been allowed. Claim 20 has been amended.

Claims 3-20 are pending in the application.

Interview Summary

Applicant's attorney participated in a telephone interview with Examiner Stephen Avila on October 12, 2005. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his participation in the interview, as well as his indication of the allowance of Claims 3-19 in the latest Office Action. During the interview, Claim 20 was discussed. The Examiner agreed that Claim 20, as amended, is allowable over the Wright reference cited in the Office Action. The Examiner and Applicant's attorney discussed the fact that FIGS. 3A and 3B of the Applicant's application illustrate the ramp in an extended position, and that the Wright reference does not teach a ramp capable of being attached in an extended position to one of the first deck hanger and the second deck hanger, the second deck hanger being positioned at one of the port side and the starboard side of the pontoon boat. Based on the interview and the amendment submitted herewith, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims of the application are in condition for allowance and further requests allowance thereof. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the below-listed telephone number if, in the opinion of the Examiner, such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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